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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY THAT GENERAL OVANDO WILL BE REMOVED AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES [redacted]

1. HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE JUNTA AND ARMED FORCES ARE NOW MEETING AT THE PALACE 1215 LOCAL TO DECIDE WHETHER TO APPOINT GENERAL ALFREDO OVANDO CANDIA, COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES, EITHER CO-PRESIDENT OR VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE JUNTA.

[redacted] COMMENT: AN APPOINTMENT TO EITHER POSITION WILL AUTOMATICALLY REMOVE OVANDO AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES. IT WAS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY THAT THE JUNTA WAS CONSIDERING MAKING OVANDO VICE PRESIDENT. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR CINCSO.

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